



AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace paragraph on lines 4 to 8 on page 1 with the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/525,956, filed March 15, 2000, **now abandoned**, which application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/124,460, filed March 15, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/174,984, filed January 6, 2000, all of which applications are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please replace lines 3 to 5 on page 8 with the following:

Figures 2A and 2B are the nucleic acid sequence of pKm201bFGF-2 (SEQ I.D. No. 1 [[]]).